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The following members of the Communist Party of Chile (PCCh) are reportedly handling contacts with Communists in other countries:

- 1. Calo Conzalez Diaz, President of the Control Commission and at present Substitute Secretary General of the Party, maintains contact with international figures. His contact is Victorio Codovilla, leader of the Argentine Communist Party, who has no official relation with the PCCh but to whom the Chilean Communists accord special respect. Faustino Jorge, an Argentine lawyer, is the personal link between Galo Gonzalez and Victorio Codovilla.
- 2. Guillermo Guevara, former Senator and member of the Central Committee, is in charge of international correspondence, and is the recipient of propaganda paraphlets, books, etc. His assistant is Ruben Sotoconil.
- 3. Victor Contreras Tapia, Congressman and member of the Central Committee, is at present traveling in Europe, reportedly visiting Moscow and Prague. This is his first trip outside of Chile. He became one of Galo Gonzalez' favorites when he was commissioned to reorganize the cells in Antofagasta. These cells had become disorganized when Hector Albornoz and Juan Guerra tried to take over Party control. Contreras Tapia's success in Antofagasta established his importance in the Party.
- Orlando Hillas, active Communist Party Youth executive and former director of El Siglo, is in charge of maintaining contacts with the Communist sympathizers in Bolivia. In 1946 and 1948, he was handling liaison between the Chilean Communists and the Bolivian Movimiento Macionalista Revolucionario.
- 5. Jose Pino, former active member of the Cantiago region of the PCCh now in hiding to avoid arrest, is reportedly maintaining contact with Paraguayan Communists.

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